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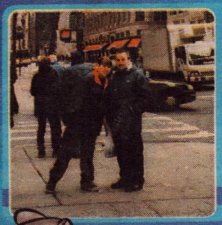

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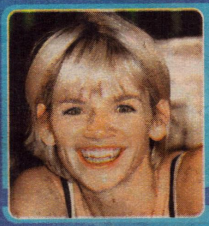

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Star Zoe Ball joins our look back at kids' TV shows from the last 50 years!
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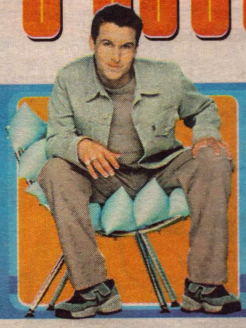

It's Fry-day!
Christian Fry tells us why he was dining at a secret desert location
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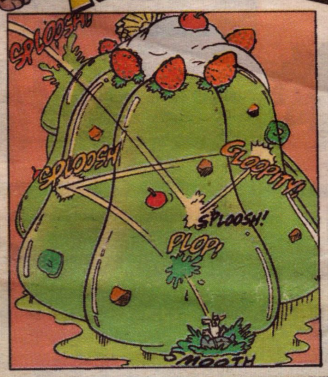
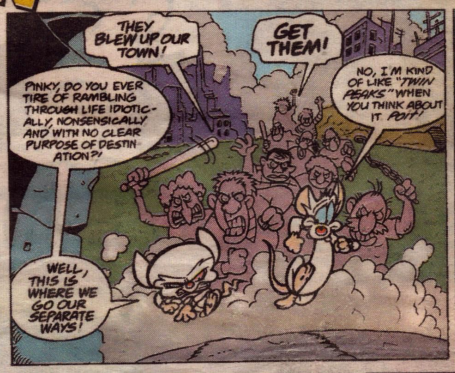
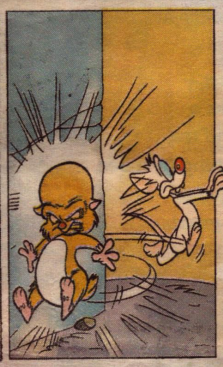
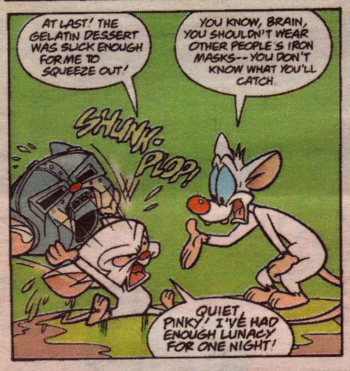
PINKY and THE BRAIN in THE MOUSE IN THE IRON MASK

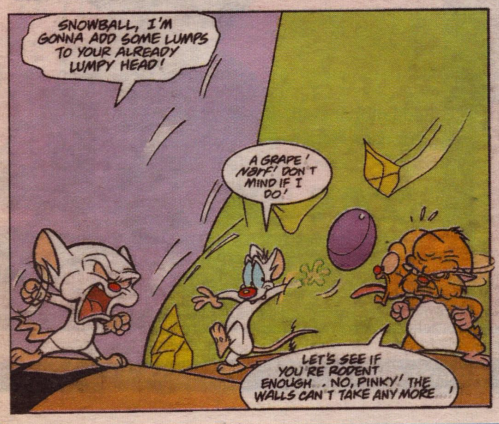
The story so far ... Pinky and the evil impostor have accidentally blown up a town while Brain remains trapped

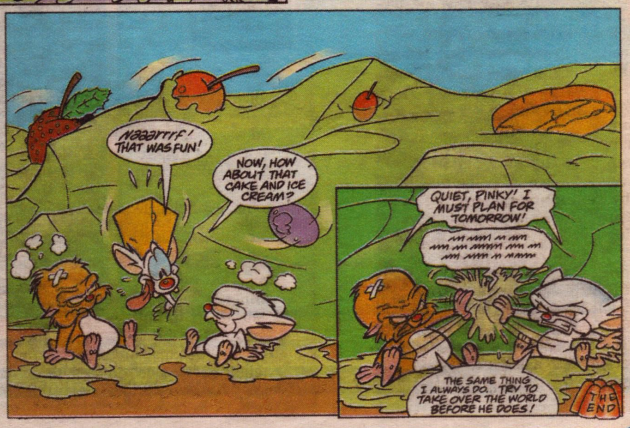












Thank you mum!

It's Mother's Day today! To celebrate, we're sending six lucky Funday winners, and their families, for a short holiday at Center Parcs, courtesy of Carrington Productions International – producer of Gerry Anderson's Lavender Castle. To win, we asked Funday readers to tell us about their mum and how great she is. Here are the lucky six.

My mum is beautiful
Christopher Davis, age 5, London

My mummy is a very silly mummy. She is a banana and I love her very much too.
Kerri Richardson, age 7, Worcester

Naomi Bethell, age 6 from, Sheringham

MUM

I love my mum as you can see,
She always is so good to me,
She always makes my dinner and tea,
She even looked after me when I was stung by a bee,
And for school I'm never late,
I've told you why my mum's so great.
Lucy Sargeant, age 8, Gloucester

My mum looks like this when I am naughty – which is quite a lot. But I still love her!
Matthew Harrison, age 10, Hassocks

This is a photo of my excellent mum, dressed as a Spice Girl when she was helping out at our school Christmas karaoke. If it wasn't for her we wouldn't have had a school Christmas party! My mum is the one in the middle, the star of the show. Don't you think she looks cool?
Rosie Hughes, age 10, Wombourne

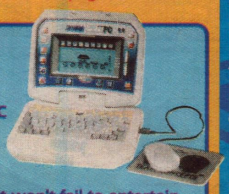
RUNNERS-UP!

Ten fab runners-up receive a bunch of flowers each for their mother, delivered courtesy of Interflora. Our runners-up are: Ruth Collinson from Whitby; Farah and Ben Tavakoli from Anahilt; Jennifer Purser from Leicester; Surinder Paddam from Leicester; Willow Hewitt from Manchester; Jonathan Beach from Eynsham; Duncan MacLeod from Kilmarnock; David Moore from Ipswich; Marie Hardingham from Isle of Man; Ruth and Claire Cassidy from Twickenham.

f-mail

Send all your letters, e-mail, cartoons, jokes and drawings to the competition address on page 3.

THE POWER MASTERS

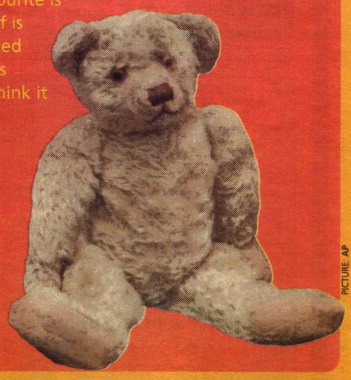


Are you struggling with your homework? Well, struggle no more! This new Power Master PC from Team Concepts is here to help. With its homework helper, memory-improving tasks and its staggering 41 multi-level activities, it won't fail to entertain. The star entry will win this fab Power Master PC (£89.99), plus a full-size power printer (£89.99). Five runners-up will receive a Super Trivia Master (£19.99), which has more than 2,000 built-in trivia questions and games to amuse you.

TEAM CONCEPTS

Dear f-mail,
This is a poem I made up to describe what fear is like.
Fear is like a white light
blinding you,
It's like a ghostly figure
tapping on your window.
Fear is like falling into a black
darkness.
It is like having nowhere to
run and nowhere to hide,
From that evil grin
behind you.
Fear is as bad as the worst
thing in the world.
It is a tingle in your spine,
A thumping in your heart
Tom Bowyer, by e-mail

Dear f-mail,
I collect teddy bears and I think they are really cute. I have four Steiff teddy bears and my favourite is a small one called Jackie. Steiff is the company that first produced teddy bears. I love teddy bears and although lots of people think it is childish I disagree as lots of adults collect them. Someone who collects teddy bears is called an arctophillist. I have lots of other bears and I think people shouldn't be embarrassed to have teddy bears because they are full of love and charm.
Lenny Benterman, 13, Norwich



PICTURE: AP

Pinky and The Brain's new adventure, Mice in Pink, starts next week – don't miss it

FUN Competitions!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions, f-mail and cartoons to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX. Competition deadline: March 31

Rugrats rule

Unless you've been on the moon, you'll know by now that The Rugrats Movie (Certificate U) is on release from Paramount Pictures and Nickelodeon Movies on March 26.

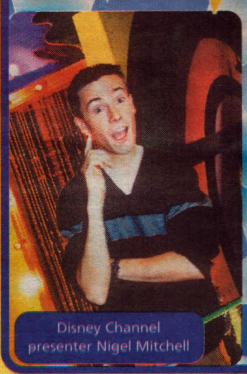
This adventure is so big that they had to make it into a movie. It tells how Tommy and his pals attempt to return Tommy's new baby brother, Dil, back to the "hop-sickle" on board their wacky Reptar Wagon.

To win, tell us Tommy's surname.

To celebrate, we're giving away a fantastic entertainment system, comprising a PC with Rugrats Movie Activity Challenge CD-Rom game (thanks to the Learning Company), a PlayStation console with Rugrats: Search For Reptar game from THQ, and the entire collection of Rugrats videos from CIC. Ten runners-up will each get a bumper movie goody bag, including a remote control Rollin' Reptar Wagon.

Mark your entry RUGRATS and send your name, age and address to the competition address above

Go live!



Disney Channel presenter Nigel Mitchell

When your're watching Disney Channel, have you ever wished you could be there in the studio, to see all the action and meet the stars who join in the fun?

We've teamed up with Disney Channel to give one reader the chance to meet top celebrity Matthew Marsden at the channel's London studios on March 29!

The winner (and a guardian) will be treated to a lavish lunch before arriving in style at the studios, where they'll spend the afternoon as VIP guests. They can chat to the presenters, enjoy a tour of the studios and meet Matthew. A further 10 runners-up will each get a Disney Channel goody bag.

To win, name the TV soap in which Matthew Marsden starred.

Disney Channel

Mark your answer VIP and send your name, age and address to the competition address above

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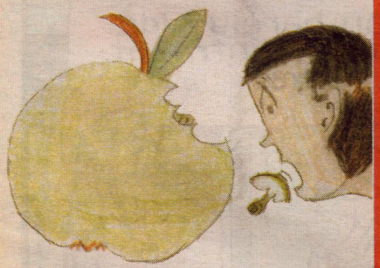
Zeenat Azmi, 12, Cheshire

What's worse than a caterpillar in an apple?

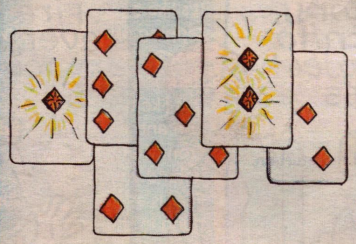


Half a caterpillar in an apple!

Dear f-mail,
We are having a Books for Schools competition. At the end, the school that collects the most book tokens will get a visit from Michael Owen. I think this is a great idea but it would be better if a pop star visited because people would try harder to see their favourite pop star. Some people don't even know who Michael Owen is.
Daana Massaquoi, London

Caroline Allen, 11, Leeds

Where's the best place to find diamonds?



In a pack of cards.

Dear f-mail,
How many films can you associate with the word "original"? It seems that the best films always come in twos. I'm talking about similar films such as The Peacemaker and Tomorrow Never Dies, Deep Impact and Armageddon, Antz and A Bug's Life, and Saving Private Ryan and The Thin Red Line. The copies are never as good as the originals, which tend to come out later and lose some of their originality. Well that's what I think anyway.
Mike Gillingham, by e-mail

Asterix and the Black Gold

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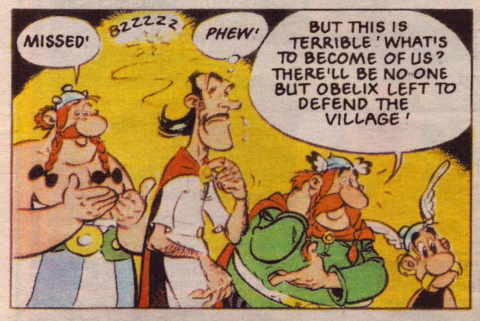

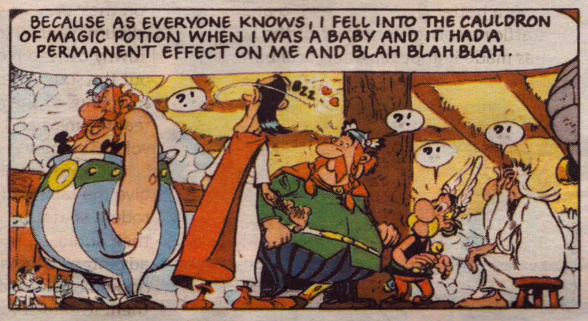

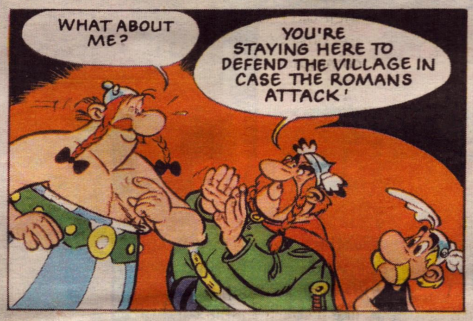

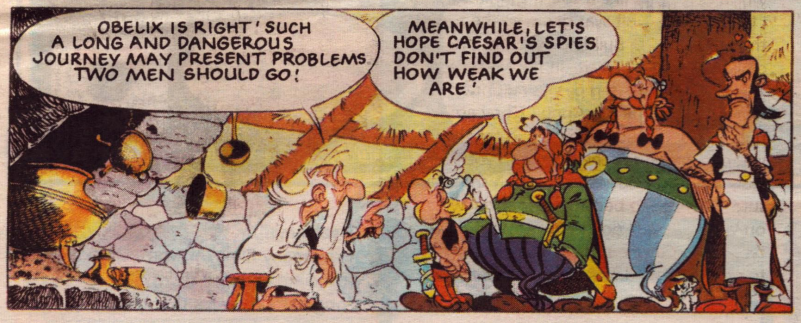

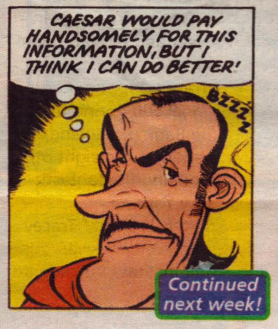

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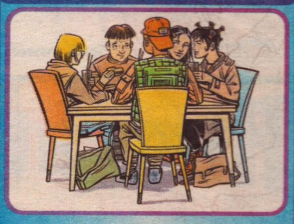

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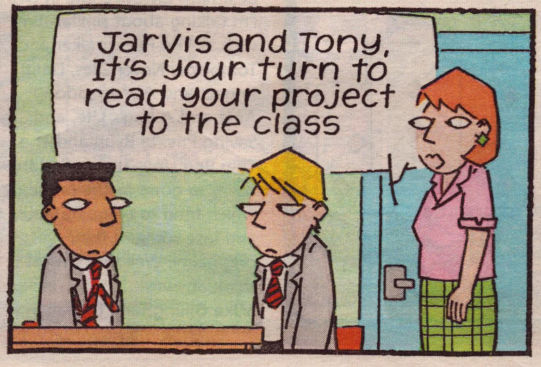
I promised to tell you all about e-togs didn't I? As my friend Martin Coote says, they have as much right to life as anything else, so here we go. According to Martin, who has found them nestling in his e-mail account, they were created last year as virtual pets, using the latest evolution software. So, guess what they did? Of course, they evolved! And now they're running about all over the Internet and are considered vermin. When Martin found one, he downloaded him into his old PC which he is now using as an e-tog sanctuary. If anyone finds another, let us know, since Gerald (that's his name!) needs friends and would like to start a colony.

There's a really strange fashion thing going on at the moment. It seems punk is back. It started with everyone wearing utility clothing, combat trousers, flak jackets and stuff like that, with loads of zips and pockets for communication units. Everyone is also dying their hair to look like space pirates. Well, I say everyone – a couple of people at school and Saffron, who's always ahead of the game style-wise. The rest of us aren't allowed. Mum says she was there the first time and she remembers po-go-ing. Does anyone know what she's on about? (I think it's a dance.) She says she'll kill me if I dye my hair but I think it would look nice ... Phoebe with pink spikes. What do you think? Let me know.

Bye!
Phoebs x

E-mail Phoebe at:
phoebe@sunday-times.co.uk

Jarvis



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Should Phoebe go punk? Tell us what you think: phoebe@sunday-times.co.uk

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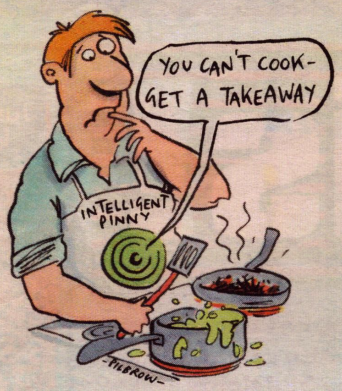
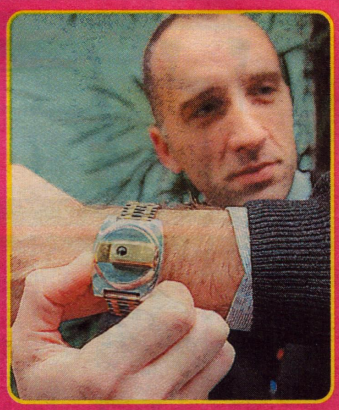


Chip technology

Electronics experts have invented an apron that can cook meals! The state-of-the-art apron contains advanced circuitry and mini-microphones and sensors that allow it to monitor and communicate with all the other appliances in the kitchen, at a command from its wearer. It can even operate automatically. Philips' power pinny can also download recipes from the Internet and recite them as chefs prepare their taste-tastic culinary creations.

No more noise

A noisy six-lane stretch of motorway is to be re-surfaced to give owls a better chance of hearing and homing in on their prey. The traffic rumbling along part of the M65 near Blackburn, Lancashire, has made it impossible for local barn, little and tawny owls to pick out the squeaks and scurryings of their teatime mice and voles. The new "silent" tarmac will give the talon-ted rodent snatchers their audio advantage back and hopefully persuade them to return to their old haunts by the busy northern commuter road.



Watch this!

A watch that can also produce full-colour video pictures has been perfected by a British inventor. With an impressive 640 x 480 pixel resolution, Andrew Hunter's chrono-camera's images can be viewed on a TV screen via a tiny access port on its control panel. A similar micro-machine for taking still photos is currently under development as well as one with an Internet linking facility. Watch out!

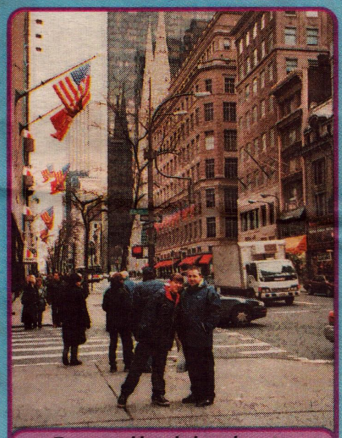
From Mayfair to Manhattan

Prize winner Tracey with Funday editor Diana Baxter

Monopoly whiz-kid and Funday Times winner Tracey Young has just returned from her fabulous prize trip to New York, courtesy of Hasbro – maker of the famous property trading game. Monopoly fan Tracey spotted the Tycoon Challenge in The Funday Times last year and her fab poem, based on her favourite game, won her a place in the final. Tracey, 13, from Cardiff, amassed more than £9,500 during the tense playoff at The Bank of England, beating stiff competition from eight other competitors and scooping the fantastic weekend trip to New York.

"The trip was absolutely brilliant," Tracey told us last week. "I think I saw everything! We went up the Empire State building at night, rode the Statten Island Ferry, went to Times Square, saw the Statue of Liberty and ate at Planet Hollywood and The Hard Rock Cafe. We also rode in an amazing limo, which was more like a coach than a car. But I think the best bit was going to the top of the Empire State Building at night. We could see the whole city lit up!"

Tracey was impressed by the height of the skyscrapers in the Big Apple. "They are huge," she gasped. "They are so tall that you can hardly see the sky when you're standing in the street!" Although she wasn't sure she'd like to become a financial whiz on Wall Street, "I don't know about being a tycoon there," she added. "But I'd really like to go back one day – it was just brilliant."



Tracey and her dad go shopping on famous Fifth Avenue

Rock N Roll

A team of amateur archeologists is to use 4,000-year-old techniques to transport a massive block of stone from Wales to Stonehenge. They are trying to see if it is physically possible to move the menhir the 420km as it is believed their prehistoric ancestors did, many times, to create Britain's best-known landmark. Dressed in animal skins, to help them feel the part, the group will roll, push, drag and even float the four-ton piece of bluestone from the Preseli hills in Dyfed to Salisbury Plain. They estimate that it will take them up to five months to transport the single block. Sounds like hard work to us!

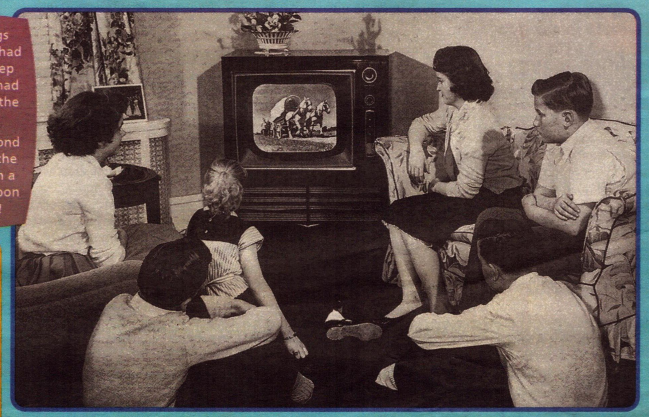
PICTURES: SOUTH WEST NEWS SERVICE, PAUL BARKER, PA

Watch this!

It all began with a radio programme in 1922 but, since its humble launch, the BBC has become one of the largest media organisations in the world. Joe Perry takes a look at the history behind the corporation's children's television programming and picks out some of the highlights

When the BBC was launched in 1922 things were a bit primitive. Radio presenters even had to place coins in the studio's electrics to keep the system going! But by 1936 technology had moved on and BBC Television was created, the first regular TV station in the world.

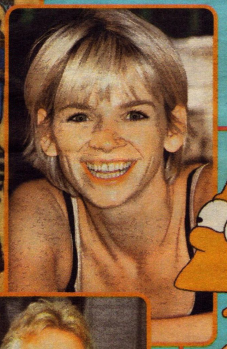
Programming was disrupted during the second world war when the Government ordered the BBC to stop broadcasting, half-way through a Mickey Mouse cartoon. The end of the cartoon was screened in 1946 – seven years later!

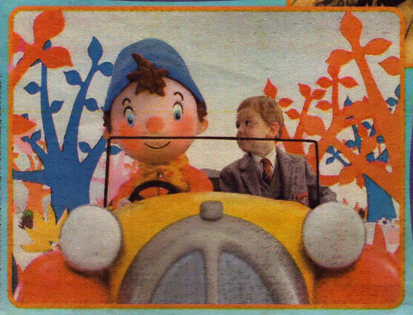


Future Generations

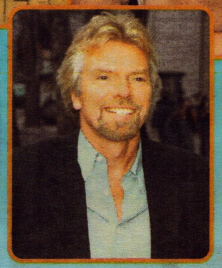
If you saw the BBC's recent Future Generations advertising campaign, featuring clips from the last 50 years of children's programming, you'll recognise its young star, five-year-old Scott Chisholm.

Scott was shown travelling through clips of children's programmes and meeting some of the famous characters. In fact the sequence was filmed in an empty studio and the characters were superimposed by computer.





Scott told us that he found the whole thing "really embarrassing" and that he doesn't fancy a career in television, although he did enjoy meeting stars like Zoe Ball and Richard Branson. Zoe, who appeared with Scott in the Future Generations clips, followed in the footsteps of her famous father when she became a TV presenter.



Just for kids

When children's TV began in 1946 there was only one hour of kids programming each day! Today it's available almost 24 hours a day on cable and satellite channels.

The longest-running children's TV programme in the world is Blue Peter. It started in 1958 and has been going ever since. The programme has always covered a massive range of topics and by collecting socks, foil, milk tops, stamps and even drinks cans, viewers have raised £25m for charity over the last 15 years.

Here is the news

Newsround is the only children's news bulletin in the world. It started in 1972 with the aim of giving young viewers the news that interests them. The first Newsround presenter, John Craven, is probably best remembered for his colourful jumpers.

John describes the programme's first few days as chaotic, with the Newsround team working from the corner of someone else's office! John says that the highlights of working on the programme were filming with Mother Teresa in Calcutta and also football star Pele in New York.

Pioneering drama

Grange Hill started life in 1978 and it was radically different from other children's programmes at the time. It confronted important issues that had not been dealt with before on children's TV. There were complaints during its first few years, though people now praise its coverage of difficult issues.

On the ball

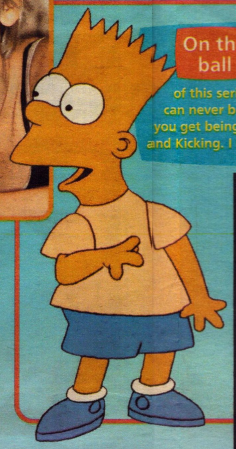
Although she is leaving Live and Kicking at the end of this series, Zoe told us: "You can never beat the kind of feeling you get being on a show like Live and Kicking. I love kid's television."

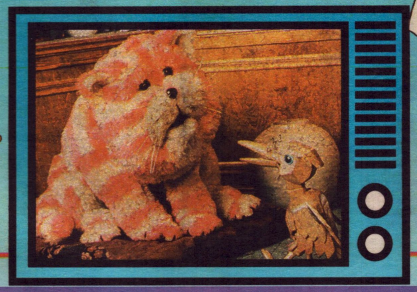
Zoe likes

- Bagpuss
- Paddington Bear
- Rent A Ghost
- The Simpsons

Zoe dislikes

- Loud or violent cartoons
- Computer games – they're a waste of time!





You can watch The Simpsons on Sky One every day.

TV MILESTONES

- 47 Television stops for one month during a national fuel shortage.
- 53 20 million people tune into watch the coronation of the Queen.
- 55 ITV is launched, the nation's second television station. (itv)
- 57 BBC ends the one-hour switch off after children's programmes, known as the toddlers' truce. (BBC)
- 67 Colour TV is introduced.
- 73 Fuel shortage means that television has to stop at 10:30pm.
- 81 39 million UK viewers watch the wedding of Charles and Diana.
- 82 Channel Four is launched. (4)
- 89 SKY television is born. (sky)
- 97 Channel Five is launched (5)
- 98 Digital television goes live. (skydigital)

CHILDREN'S TV MILESTONES

- 46 Kid's television starts with Children's Hour.
- 50 Watch with Mother begins.
- 52 Bill and Ben jump onto our screens.
- 58 Blue Peter shows "one they made earlier" for the first time.
- 63 Dr Who brings the planet back from the brink of destruction for the first time.
- 72 Newsround becomes the first children's news programme in the world.
- 74 Feline favourite Bagpuss cat-apults onto TV.
- 78 The first class starts at Grange Hill.
- 81 Postman Pat delivers his first letter.
- 97 Teletubbies become an international phenomenon.

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BERYL the PERIL

BERYL THE PERIL APPEARS EVERY WEEK IN The DANDY

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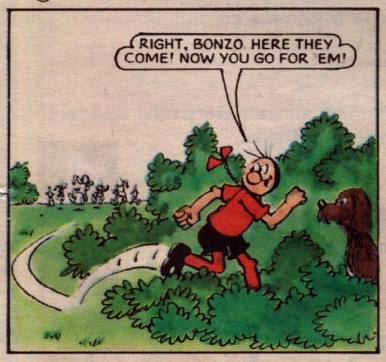

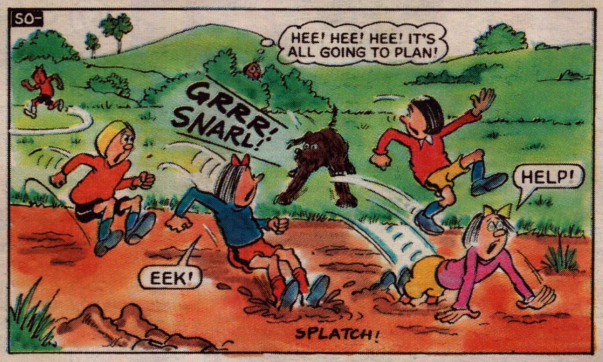

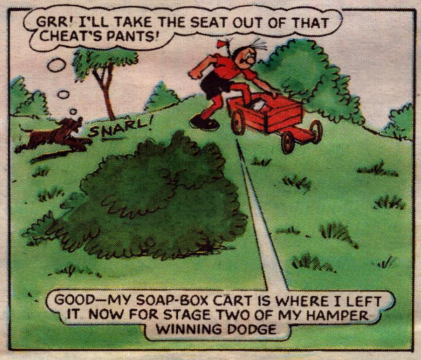

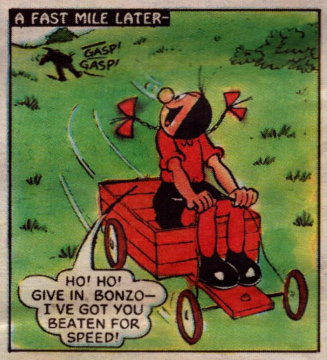

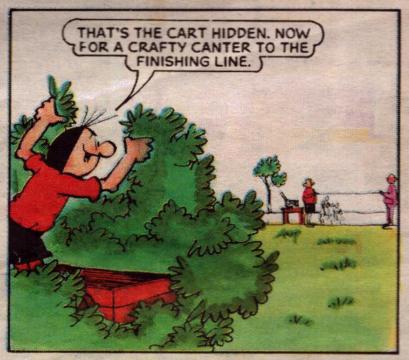

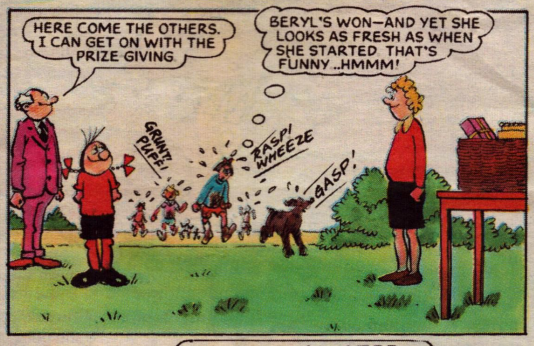

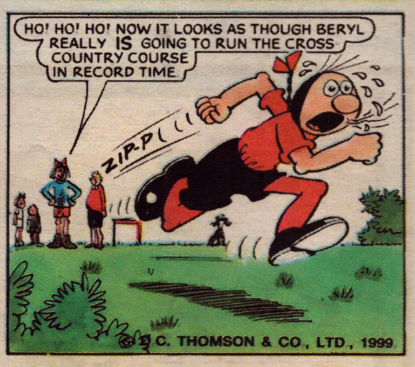

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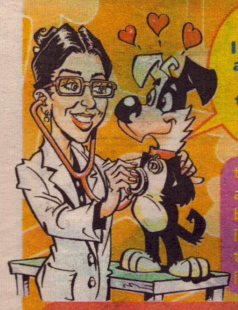
Beryl runs into more trouble again next week!

DAGSY DOG with vet Catherine Morganti



How do animals digest their food?
Michael Murray
Animals digest food in much the same way as we do. They chew the food to break it up, then the food goes to the stomach and the intestines where enzymes from special glands break the long complicated compounds in the food into simple ones. The animal's body is able to absorb these simple compounds across the intestinal wall and into the blood where they are needed.

I would like to hear what Catherine and Dagsy have to say about pigeon racing.
A Donnelly
Pigeon racing is generally promoted as a family sport. Each bird must be registered with the Royal Pigeon Racing Association and carry identification tags. The bird is expected to be quite an athlete, cover considerable distances and win races. For these reasons it needs to be well cared for by its owner.

If you have a question for me or you want to send in a cool fact, write to:
The Funday Times, Dagsy Dog, PO Box 495, London E1 9XW

Answers by Catherine Morganti, Simon Kent

The Blue Cross, one of Britain's largest animal welfare charities, has three animal hospitals, two veterinary clinics, 11 adoption centres and two equine centres nationally. Last year the charity found homes for more than 8,000 animals and treated more than 50,000 pets at its hospitals.

ILLUSTRATIONS: PAUL CENNICK

LIFT OFF

SINGLE

HONEY TO THE BEE Billie ★★★★●

Billie isn't one to be stung by the stiff competition around, in fact she's fighting back at the current bout of Britney-mania with this title track from her debut album. It's a hypnotic song, that's slower than Billie's previous releases, with a hint of All Saints' Never Ever – but better! Ms Piper is proving there's more to her style than just perky pop, although this is not quite the techno music she recently confessed to preferring. There's a great video, in which Billie's buzzing around a flower and, bizarrely, a Florida beach. Bet she got a good tan!

ON THE BOX

BEST BEST FRIENDS Diggit ★★★★●

If you've got a best mate who's so great that you'd like to tell everyone about them, then check out Diggit's Best Best Friends Award 99. All you've got to do is nominate your pal by telling Diggit what makes them so special. Your best mate can be anyone – a school chum, a member of your family or even your favourite pet. The winner, along with their pal, will star in their own film clip that will be shot over the summer holidays at a location of their choice and then shown on Diggit. Cool!

GAME

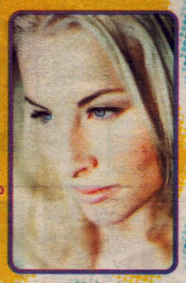
LIVE WIRE PlayStation + PC ★★●●●

The aim of this game is to race a weird creature around a colourful three-dimensional grid. You have to keep your wits about you as you dodge the usual array of missiles, bombs and bullets, while claiming as many squares, points and powers as possible, before the clock runs out. It's a bit like a glorified version of Pac-Man. But despite having more than 50 levels, there are only five different landscapes and once you've sussed one, the others become irritatingly easy. Probably best to rent this one if you can!

FUNDAY BUZZ!

Clean break

Pop newcomer Ellie Campbell is already a big success story. Just two years ago Ellie was a cleaner, but now she has hung up her overall, got herself a record deal, and her first single is out soon. "I'm feeling so excited," she squeals. "I've dreamed of this all my life, but I've spent the last 18 months preparing, and I feel I'm ready." Ellie describes herself as caring, friendly, sensitive, loving and happy – but we discovered that she's also got a secret passion for lipsticks! "I used to collect them," she laughs. "But it got a bit out of hand, so I stopped when I had 98 of them!" Ellie says that some aspects of the recording process surprised her. "I didn't realise how physically demanding it would be," she explains. "When you hear a record, you just think the artists spent about 20 minutes making it. In fact you've got to turn the words into feelings and make it sound believable." Ellie discovered that one thing, above everything else, helped her to achieve this. "I discovered it helped if I took my shoes off in the studio," she says. But what's she going to do when she's got to sing live on stage? "Ahh, I think the shoes will have to stay on then!"



Scary dog

Sinead from B*Witched had a fright during the making of the band's fab video for their new single Blame It On The Weatherman. Sinead has been terrified of dogs since she was knocked to the ground by a hound as a child. But when the mutt on the girls' video set took a shine to Sinead, she found she was able to pick it up – the first time she has been able to even touch one since she was seven!

Christian's back!

We met Christian Fry, fresh off the plane from Los Angeles, where he'd just been filming the video for his new single, Won't You Stay. As he slumped down in his chair, Christian let out a whistle and told us: "Making the video was incredible, in fact it blew me away. It was amazing because we drove for two-and-a-half hours from Los Angeles to get to the desert location. There was tumbleweed everywhere and then, in the middle of nowhere, there was this cranky old diner – where we filmed. In fact, it's just a film set that's been used in lots of movies." Christian also loved the tour bus that was provided for the video. "It was big and chrome and even had a Jacuzzi inside!" he laughs.

It's the Cher Questionnaire!

For fun we got Claire from Steps to answer some of the questions Cher poses in her songs! Here's what she said:

Do you believe in life after love?
Yes, of course I do!
Does he love me I wanna know, how can I tell if he love me so?
He buys you great presents. I'm not very experienced in this area though.
Are you strong enough?
I'm quite a strong person. I've dealt with a lot.
Don't you sometimes wish your heart was made of stone?
No I don't, not at all. I'm a Leo, so I need affection and love.
If you could turn back time, what would you do?
I would make sure people like JFK and Diana didn't die.

See if you can guess when these awesome Cher singles were released. Answers on page 10.

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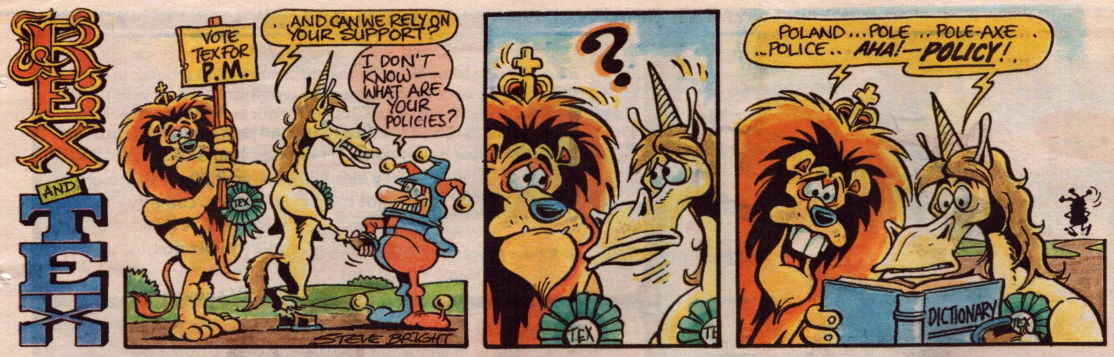

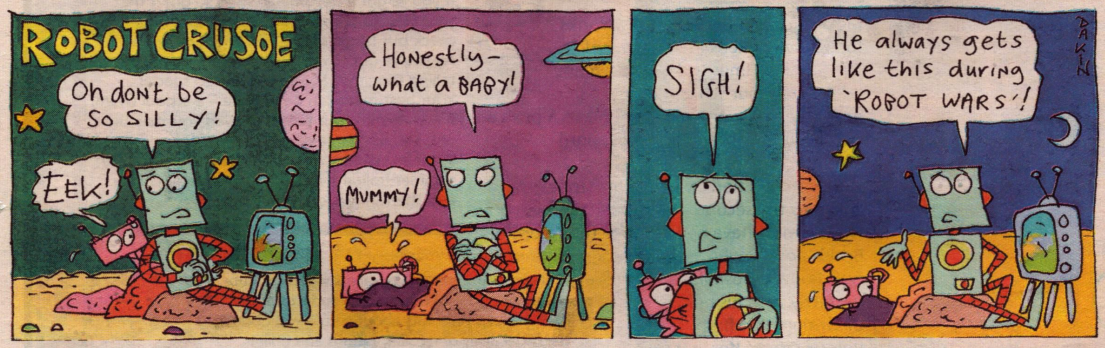

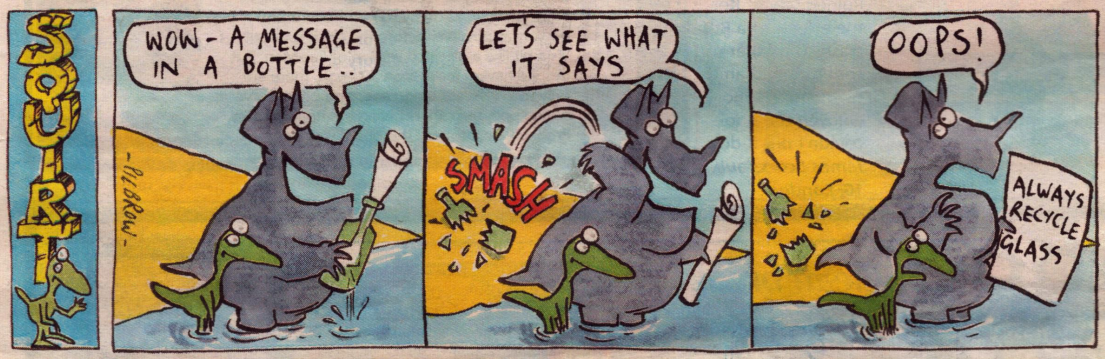

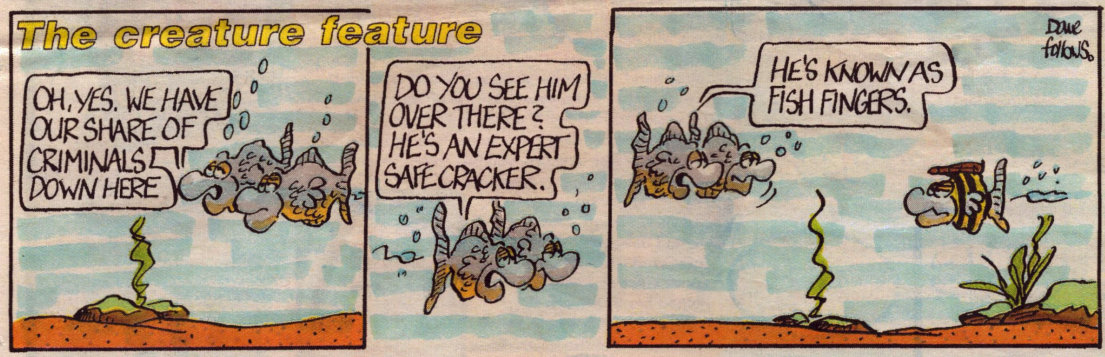

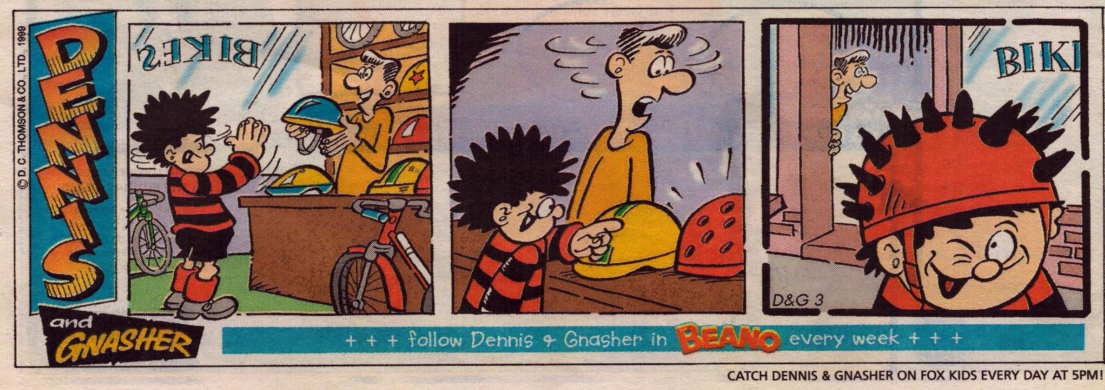

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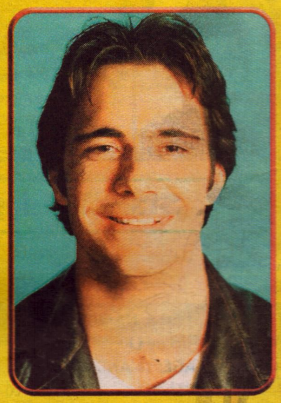

PICTURE: TONY BUCKINGHAM

Quentin Jones shows us around the set of Family Affairs

It's the hottest ticket in pop! We go on tour with Steps and spend a day backstage with the band

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BUZZ ANSWERS
1 Believe – October 1998, 2 The Shoop Shoop Song – April 1991, 3 Strong Enough – February 1999, 4 Heart of Stone – April 1990, 5 Turn Back Time – September 1989

The FC Zone

Become a member to join in the fun!

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Happy Birthday

Spider-Man, from Fox Kids, has taken time out from a case to wish some Zoners a happy birthday. Samit Khatri (left), from London, will be eight on Tuesday and Emma Komocki (right), who lives near Derby, turns seven the following day. Enjoy yourselves Zoners!

If you'd like to be wished a happy birthday in The FC Zone (or if you would like to send a happy birthday message to a Fun Club member) send in a passport-size photo* to The FC Zone address and you might appear in The Funday Times. If you're a member already send one in, with your name, address, date of birth and membership number.

*Photos must be received 4-6 weeks before the birthday and cannot be returned.

Start Talking

Ace Ventura, from Fox Kids, has a new friend to introduce: NAME: Andrea Hickey LIVES: Co. Cork AGE: 11 ANDREA SAYS: "The Funday Times is cool and everyone should read it, young or old!"

Turn the page

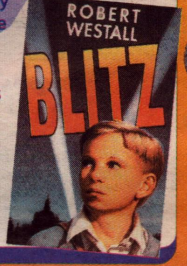
FREE BOOKS SCHOOLS

Make sure you find your Free Books for Schools tokens in Section 1 of The Sunday Times today! How many tokens has your school collected so far? What books do you want to get? Send us a postcard and tell us all about your campaign!

BLITZ Robert Westall

Blitz is a collection of four short stories, all linked to the second world war. It shows you what it must have been like for thousands of British people who were in danger during the war. Robert Westall describes everything perfectly with his brilliant way of writing. The first story, The Ruined City of Kor, is about the effects of a British plane crash. The other three stories continue the same excitement. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and couldn't put it down!

James Scott Faulkner, 10, London



Fast times

Don't miss out on X-Press with Fox Kids' funky presenters, Roy and Lisa. It's three-and-a-half hours of non-stop fun every single day from 3.30pm to 7.00pm. It's got masses of games, comedy sketches, special reports, reviews, competitions and showbiz gossip. Plus, a fantastic line-up of top kids' TV shows!

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FC Fun

You can e-mail us at: funday times@sunday-times.co.uk or write to us. Send a picture, funny photo or story to: The FC Zone, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX.

Everyone who appears in The FC Zone will get this cool Brain Shift game from Tiger Electronics, worth £24.99. Shift quickly and follow the computer's orders or you'll crash out and lose a turn – it's wicked fun!

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sport

David Beckham

Every football fan in Great Britain wants to know if Manchester United can beat Inter Milan again on Wednesday. United produced a great display at Old Trafford to win the first leg 2-0 and if they can play as well again, then a place in the semi finals of the Champions League will be within reach. The star of the show in that match was David Beckham, who has had an amazing year of ups and downs – sent off in the World Cup, but now playing brilliantly for club and country. What's more, he's recently become a dad for the first time!

- David was born in London, but his father was a huge fan of Manchester United and always encouraged his son to support the Reds as well
- Becks started going out with Posh after she chatted him up in the players' lounge at Old Trafford.
- David loves to spend his money on expensive designer clothes and fast cars. He's also having a house built near Manchester.
- Before becoming famous he played five games on loan from Preston North End, and they were desperate to sign him. United, of course, said no.
- David's best known for his brilliant passing and shooting. He's also 1.8m tall making him one of the tallest players in the United team.

Gold Medal

Triple jumper Ashia Hansen rarely gets the attention she deserves for some fantastic performances, but she keeps on winning anyway. At the world indoor championships in Japan she produced another terrific display to capture the gold medal, just as she did at the Commonwealth Games six months ago. Her leap, measured at 15.02m, was just 14cm short of the world record, which Ashia already holds!

Red Card

It was not a weekend to remember for World Champion Mika Hakkinen. Not only did he suffer technical problems in his McLaren car but, before the race even started, he drove out of his pit garage while his engine was still connected to the computer and power sockets, and the whole thing came crashing down on the head of his boss, Ron Dennis. Oops!

GET INTO GEAR

WIN!

Want to get into gear for spring? We've teamed up with CICA trainers for this week's sporty giveaway.

One reader will soon be whizzing round on a fab CICA ten-speed bike, complete with a CICA T-shirt and water bottle, plus a voucher for a new pair of funky CICA trainers. Ten lucky runners-up will scoop a CICA voucher, T-shirt and water bottle.

To win, name the famous French cycle race that takes place each year.

Mark your answer WHEELIE and send your name, age and address to the competition address on page 3.

If you're not one of our lucky winners, you could still win a bike simply by entering the free prize draw when you try on a pair of CICA trainers at Clarks and participating stockists, from March 22 to April 26. What's more, you'll get a free water bottle with every pair of CICA trainers purchased, while stocks last. (For stockist details, call 0990 785781.)

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More sporting fun with Fans Utd next week!